

Community College and Cleveland State University before joining the United States Marine Corps. Following three years of honorable military service, he successfully ran for public office and served for two terms as the Mayor of Bay Village. Following his time as Mayor, he helped develop a small business which he operates today.

In addition to his public and professional accomplishments, Mr. Jelepis' focus on family has never wavered. He is the dedicated husband of Beverly and devoted father of Elizabeth and Caitlin. His commitment to charity is reflected at St. Raphael Catholic Church, where he and his family are longtime members and volunteers.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of Mr. Tom Jelepis, who lives his life with energy, kindness and service to our community. Mr. Jelepis is a true gentleman known for his integrity, generosity and kind nature. His friendship has touched the lives of many, including my own.

IN RECOGNITION OF NEW BRUNSWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT  
175TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the New Brunswick Police Department as its family and friends gather to celebrate the organization's 175th Anniversary. Since its founding in 1835, the New Brunswick Police Department has faithfully protected the local residents, businesses and visitors in the City. Their honorable actions are undoubtedly deserving of this body's recognition.

The New Brunswick Police Department has a proud and long standing history. From its humble beginnings, in which two officers patrolled the City, the New Brunswick Police Department has grown exponentially. The Department has continued to provide a safe and peaceful environment in the City through effective and impartial law enforcement. They are also committed to meeting the needs of residents and businesses through active participation and community partnerships. Today, more than 130 dedicated men and women nobly protect the community as part of the New Brunswick Police Department.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the New Brunswick Police Department on its 175th Anniversary and thanking the thousands of men and women who have served and protected the City of New Brunswick.

CONGRATULATING THE COPPELL  
HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND  
FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AT  
THE 2010 STATE MARCHING BAND  
CONTEST

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I seek recognition to congratulate the Coppell High School Marching Band from Coppell, Texas

for their outstanding season of competition and reaching the Finals in the 2010 5A State Marching Band Contest.

The 350-member Coppell High School Marching Band has been a great source of pride for the citizens of Coppell for many years. Since the 1990s, the band has brought home gold and bronze medals from the State Championship, performed in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, won several regional marching contests, marched St. Patrick's Day parades in New York and Dublin, and continued a tradition of excellence that develops character, discipline, and leadership on and off the marching field.

In early August, not only will you find the football team beginning two-a-days at Coppell High, but you will likewise see the marching band practicing twice a day in the school parking lot. As a long-time resident of North Texas, I can tell you being outside hours at a time in 100-degree heat is the last thing most people would want to do in August. But every year, this dedicated group of students braves the elements and commits themselves entirely in the spirit of competition, their love of music, and devotion toward each other, their school, and their town.

It is this level of dedication and hard work that earned Coppell the honor of performing in the Finals of the 5A State Marching Band Contest this year. Reaching that point required several rounds of competition where, out of the 250 public high schools under the 5A classification, only 10 reached the Finals in the Alamo Dome in San Antonio on the night of November 2, 2010. Though Coppell did not take a place on the podium that night, the honor and thrill of being one of the last remaining bands should be a source of pride and respect for all the students who participated.

I want to specifically congratulate Scott Mason, Director of Bands for the Coppell Independent School District, his outstanding staff of directors and instructors, the drum majors, the section and squad leaders, and captains of the colorguard and drumline for leading their students through another successful year. Their continued accomplishments are well-deserved and hard-won.

I wish further success for these young people in their future pursuits in music and in life. I hope the important lessons learned by these students will remain with them forever.

CONGRATULATING THE KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS, OUR LADY OF  
CHARITY ASSEMBLY 3089 OF  
SARASOTA, FLORIDA

**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, today, I want to congratulate the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Charity Assembly 3089 of Sarasota, Florida, for receiving the Knights of Columbus "To Be a Patriot" Award for its service to our Nation's veterans.

The "To Be a Patriot" Award recognizes the three best international patriotic programs conducted by Fourth Degree assemblies. Assembly 3089 received the 2009–2010 award for its assistance at indigent funerals within the Sarasota National Cemetery.

The assembly was recognized for its efforts to ensure that every indigent buried at Sarasota National Cemetery has someone available at their funeral to accept the U.S. Flag. During the ceremony, an assembly member dressed in tuxedo with the social baldrick voluntarily accepts the veteran's flag as a show of honor to those who selflessly served in our military.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 13th District, I thank Our Lady of Charity Assembly 3089 for helping to ensure that our veterans are laid to rest with the honor and dignity these heroes deserve.

It is with great pleasure that I acknowledge it has rightfully received this prestigious award.

HONORING TERRY E. CALDWELL

**HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. McKEON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of outgoing Victorville City Councilmember, and nine-time Mayor, Terry E. Caldwell.

Terry was first appointed to the Victorville City Council on April 20, 1972, and completed eight consecutive terms. Born in Riverside, California, Terry graduated from Barstow High School in 1956 and went on to study at Taft College, San Jose State University, did MBA work at the University of Southern California, and obtained his law degree from the Southern California School of Law.

Terry's distinguished career in public service spans nearly forty years. He helped grow Victorville from a small town into a sprawling community, greatly improving the quality of life of families throughout the valley. Never shying away from new challenges, Terry took on responsibilities with the State Regional Water Quality Control Board, served over 10 years as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Victor Valley Economic Development Authority, worked on the Victorville Planning Commission, Victorville Sanitary District, and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Terry also played a vital role in the acquisition of the former George Air Force Base—now the Southern California Logistics Airport—from the U.S. Air Force. This included the purchase of 5,000 acres and the development of a long-range economic development plan. Other major accomplishments for the Victor Valley under Terry's leadership include: Construction of the Bear Valley Road Interchange, bringing Victorville the Mall of Victor Valley, growth of the Bear Valley Redevelopment Area, and development of the Auto Park at Valley Center. All of these accomplishments brought jobs, economic development, and a growing number of residents to Victorville.

Terry leaves behind a remarkable legacy of public service and lasting impact on the residents of Victorville. I want to congratulate Terry, his wife Pat, and his three children, Christie, Carrie, and Leon for helping create a vibrant future for the Victor Valley.

SUPPORTING GOLD STAR  
MOTHERS DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support in recognition of Gold Star Mothers Day, which is celebrated the last Sunday of September. These mothers have given the supreme sacrifice for their country: they have lost a son or daughter serving in the Armed Forces. But instead of mourning alone, these courageous women have taken their personal loss and used it to help others in the same situation.

Several weeks ago, I hosted the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference, along with Rep. CORRINE BROWN of Florida and Rep. SANFORD BISHOP of Georgia. At that conference, we were honored to have here with us Ms. Aseneth Blackwell, a former President of the Gold Star Wives of America, a sister organization of the Gold Star Mothers. Both members of these organizations have lost loved ones in service for their country.

These honorable women provide support to those who may not know who to turn to. They provide a listening ear and sympathetic voice to the bereaved, because they have been there too. They assist veteran's families in understanding and obtaining the benefits provided by the government for veteran's families. And they make sure that the Nation never forgets those sacrifices made by the men and women of the Armed Forces.

My condolences go out to any family member that has lost a spouse, a child, or a parent in the service of their country. That is why I am proud to speak today on behalf of this bill that recognizes the sacrifice made by mothers of this country, by observing Gold Star Mothers Day. I also commend President Obama for his proclamation on September 24th, asking the public to observe this special day with them.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unable to participate in a series of votes on the floor of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, November, 16, 2010.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 569, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 716, I would have voted "aye" on the question.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 570, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1475, I would have voted "aye" on the question.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 571, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1428, I would have voted "aye" on the question.

CONGRATULATING JEANNA  
WALKER**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Portage Northern High School Library Media Center and Media Center Specialist Jeanna Walker for being selected by the American Association of School Libraries as the most outstanding library program in the State of Michigan and one of the top 35 programs in the nation.

The media center was remodeled last summer to fully envision the goal of delivering 21st century skills to both students and teachers. With a media classroom and three classroom areas all equipped with the technology-enhanced classroom model, the media center and learning commons are overflowing with teaching and learning on a daily basis. The media center is an active learning environment for the student population and is being used by approximately 4,000 students per week.

The media center's cutting-edge technology gives students the opportunity to work with and learn from off campus groups and experiences. With the help of social studies teacher Stacie Phillips, Jeanna Walker teamed with Western Michigan University's Haworth College of Business to bring online collaborative tools to Portage Northern American history classes. Also, access to live video conference capability gave students the ability to watch an autopsy through the Columbus Center for Science and Industry.

In honor of this national recognition, the media center will be featured on the American Association of School Libraries Vision Tour, an initiative by the association's President, Dr. Nancy Everhart, to visit school media centers across the United States in order to provide the public with examples of what exceptional school media centers offer students and communities.

On behalf of all residents of southwest Michigan, congratulations again to the Portage Northern High School Library Media Center, Media Specialist Jeanna Walker, and the entire Portage Community on this worthy achievement. Go Huskies!

## HONORING DONNA C. NASH

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Donna C. Nash. Donna has served as Platte County Collector since 1982 and will be retiring from office on February 28, 2011.

Since first being appointed to office by Governor Kit Bond in 1982, Donna has been elected as Platte County Collector seven times. During her time in this role, she has sought to provide Platte County the technology and leadership needed to become a top-tier county in Missouri. Her office was the first in Missouri to allow taxpayers to pay their taxes via credit card or online and print their receipt online. She has also provided leadership as the first

female President of the Missouri County Collectors Association as well as being involved with the Missouri Association of Counties, the National Association of Collectors, the Treasurers and Finance Officers, and the National Association of Counties. She has generously donated her time to such causes as the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Red Cross, among many other organizations she has supported through the years. I personally would like to thank Donna for her support and insight during my time in office and for being the first Platte County official to endorse me when I first ran for Congress in 2000.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me, her husband Karlton, their two children, and three grandchildren, in commending Donna C. Nash for her accomplishments and for her efforts put forth in serving Platte County, Missouri.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
ROBERT RICE AND GARY RICE  
OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Robert Rice and his son Gary of Lakewood, Ohio, for their longtime service on behalf of our community and our nation.

Robert Rice, a devoted family man, World War II veteran, dedicated teacher, composer, musician and civic activist has touched the lives of many throughout our community as a music teacher in the Lakewood Public Schools until his retirement in 1983. His wife, the late Betty Rice, was also musically gifted. Together they raised their son Gary with an abiding appreciation for the arts, music, and public service.

Gary Rice followed in his father's path and became a teacher and a musician. Despite being born with hearing and speech impediments, Gary became a talented vocalist and musician, performing numerous times on stage throughout Greater Cleveland. Both Robert and Gary made a profound impact upon the lives of countless students, colleagues and parents. To this day, Robert and Gary continue to share their passion for music by tutoring students, composing, and performing for various schools, senior organizations and veterans groups throughout the Greater Cleveland area. Robert and Gary recently completed an original composition, a march in honor of United States' veterans entitled "The American Veterans' Last Salute March." It has already been performed on several occasions.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Robert Rice and his son Gary for their service to our community and our country. Their strong father-son bond is reflected through their shared love of music and shared spirit of volunteerism. Their work and passion brings music, inspiration and joy into the lives of countless individuals—young and old—throughout our community.